

and noses, nobody knew of what value. "What an amazing country!" was the word now among all classes. Many entertained hopes that vast quantities of gold and silver would yet be discovered.

Queen Elizabeth was greatly pleased with this addition to her dominions. The new country was called Virginia by her direction—a name long applied to every part of this continent claimed by the English nation. Soon after the return of the two ships, Sir Walter Raleigh was elected a member of parliament from Devonshire. He was also knighted by the queen; and his patent was confirmed by an act of parliament.

Seven ships were immediately prepared for a second expedition, and placed under the command of Ralph Lane and Sir Richard Granville. This little squadron reached the American coast on the 26th of July, 1585, and dropped their anchors outside of the bar, at Wococon. Lane and Granville, with 50 or 60 officers and men, immediately crossed the sound in boats, to explore the country.

Manteo, the native, had returned from England with this second expedition, and was now of essential service to the English. His knowledge of the coast made him useful as a pilot, and his knowledge of the Indian languages as an interpreter; and, besides, his attachment to the English, and his zeal in their cause, very much facilitated a free and friendly intercourse between them and the natives.

Under his guidance, they made several excursions